

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A receiving apparatus using a CDMA method for receiving signals by N receiving antennas (N is a positive integer), the signals being transmitted by M transmitting antennas (M is a positive integer), comprising:

    multipath receiving signal demodulating units for primary demodulation of the signals received by the receiving antennas, for estimating the signals transmitted from the transmitting antennas, and for obtaining a received signal of each path of the receiving antennas in a multipath environment based on the estimated signals;

    multipath interference canceling units for deducting the obtained signals received through the paths other than a target path from the signals received by the receiving antennas to obtain multipath interference cancelled signals; and

    a demodulating unit for secondary demodulation of the multipath interference cancelled signals,

wherein the multipath receiving signal demodulating units and the multipath interference canceling units are arranged in stages, a receiving signal received at each of the receiving antennas is inputted to a corresponding multipath interference canceling unit, each of the stages other than the first stage updates a channel coefficient estimated based on a known pilot signal transmitted from the M transmitting antennas using a multipath interference cancelled signal provided by a multipath interference canceling unit in an upper stage.

Claim 2 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the multipath receiving signal demodulating units carry out the primary demodulation using a minimum mean square error (MMSE) method.

Claim 3 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the multipath receiving signal demodulating units carry out the primary demodulation  
using a maximum likelihood detection (MLD) method.

Claim 4 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the multipath receiving signal demodulating units carry out the primary demodulation  
using a maximum likelihood detection method using QR factorization on a block of a  
plurality of the paths.

Claim 5 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the multipath receiving signal demodulating units carry out the primary demodulation  
using a maximum likelihood detection method using QR factorization on each of the paths.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 2,  
wherein  
the multipath receiving signal demodulating units control an amplitude of the signal  
received, based on a probability of correctness of a transmission symbol sequence estimated  
using the minimum mean square error (MMSE) method ~~as claimed in claim 2~~.

Claim 7 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein  
the multipath receiving signal demodulating units estimate a channel coefficient using  
a known pilot signal transmitted from the M transmitting antennas.

Claims 8-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the demodulating unit performs the secondary demodulation using a maximum likelihood detection method.

Claim 11 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the demodulating unit performs the secondary demodulation using a maximum likelihood detection method using QR factorization on a block of a plurality of the paths.

Claim 12 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the demodulating unit performs the secondary demodulation using a maximum likelihood detection method using QR factorization on each of the paths.

Claim 13 (Original): The receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the signals transmitted from the M transmitting antennas are code-multiplexed signals,

the multipath receiving signal demodulating units perform the primary demodulation of the signals received by the corresponding receiving antennas, and obtain the signals of the corresponding paths for all the receiving antennas for all spreading signals,

the multipath interference canceling units deduct the obtained signals corresponding to all the spreading signals received through the paths other than a target path from the signals received by the receiving antennas to obtain multipath interference cancelled signals, and

the demodulating unit performs the secondary demodulation of the multipath interference cancelled signals for each of the spreading signals.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A receiving method of a receiving apparatus for receiving a plurality of signals using a CDMA method, the signals being transmitted from M transmitting antennas (M is a positive integer) and received by N receiving antennas (N is a positive integer), comprising:

~~a step of receiving the signal received by each of the receiving antennas;~~ and  
estimating, at a plurality of multipath receiving signal demodulating units, the signal transmitted from each of the transmitting antennas using a predetermined algorithm;

~~a step of multiplying, at the multipath receiving signal demodulating units, the estimated transmitted signal and a channel coefficient estimated based on a known pilot signal, and obtaining the received signal of each path for each of the receiving antennas in a multipath environment;~~

~~a step of deducting, at a plurality of multipath interference canceling units, the obtained received signals of the paths other than a target path from the signal received by each of the receiving antennas; and~~

~~a step of demodulating the signals that are obtained by the step of deducting,~~  
wherein the multipath receiving signal demodulating units and the multipath interference canceling units are arranged in stages, a receiving signal received at each of the receiving antennas is inputted to a corresponding multipath interference canceling unit, each of the stages other than the first stage updates a channel coefficient estimated based on a known pilot signal transmitted from the M transmitting antennas using a multipath interference cancelled signal provided by a multipath interference canceling unit in an upper stage.

Claim 15 (Original): A radio communications system, comprising:  
the receiving apparatus as claimed in claim 1; and  
a transmitting apparatus including the M transmitting antennas (M is a positive integer) for transmitting a CDMA signal from each of the transmitting antennas.